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MINUTES OF MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 1946, OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Board of Public Works met on February 7, 1946, in the office of the Governor, State House, Annapolis, Maryland.

There were present:                   Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor  
  Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer  
  J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller.

Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Director, Department of Budget and Procurement, also attended the meeting.

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON POST WAR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board formal papers received from the Maryland Commission on Post War Reconstruction and Development relative to the application of the Town of Salisbury for assistance in connection with the installation of sewerage facilities and garbage incineration plant for Salisbury, in connection with which the Board had previously approved an allotment of \$9,000 as the State's contribution toward engineering services required in connection with this project.

The allotment of \$500,000 previously made by the Board for assistance in the preparation of plans and specifications for projects of the counties and municipalities has been increased to the extent of \$9,000 to take care of the additional allocation for the Salisbury project.

The Secretary requested advice from the Board as to payments to be made to architects for services in connection with the preparation of plans and specifications for the State's postwar construction projects. The Board had previously approved payment of 50% of the total fee of 6% on the amount allocated for a project, but since several projects have been advertised for bids and bids received, although not accepted, the architects felt that the amount to be received in such cases should be 4% of the architect's fee which is customary in cases where awards are made upon the opening of bids and the lowest bid accepted, based on the amount allotted for the project.

The Board approved payment of the fee in such cases in accordance with representations made by the architects, with the understanding that at some later date when the projects are re-advertised and contracts awarded, the State would not be committed for any further amounts other than represented by 2% between the amounts paid and the total amount due on the basis of 6% of the amount of the contract awarded to the lowest bidder.

It was stated at the meeting that there were no further developments in connection with the selection of the site below Westport for the new institution for the Maryland Training School for Colored Boys, and that there was nothing to be done at this time in connection therewith. An investigation is being made as to the questions raised as to the legality of locating the institution in a section of Baltimore City where zoning restrictions are alleged to prevent the location of the institution there, but this and other questions which have arisen are being looked into and will be reported to the Board in due time.

The Board approved request of Crownsville State Hospital for authority to ask for bids for the construction of three cottages for physicians provided in the construction program for that institution. The hospital is authorized to ask for bids in two ways:

- 1- On the basis of doing the work in the usual manner; and
- 2- With the contractors offering to do the work on a fixed-fee basis, with a ceiling as to the amount of their bid and with the understanding that the State will be able to effect a saving in the event it is possible for the contractor to do the work at a cost lower than the ceiling figure

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mentioned in the proposal.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Dr. Joseph T. Singewald, Jr., Director, Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources, requesting information as to the status of the request made by him for an allotment of funds in the amount of \$7,375.00 to convert stream gaging stations in Maryland into recording-gage stations, this amount being necessary to match federal funds in similar amount which are available to cover the total cost of the work.

After due consideration, the Board approved an allotment of \$7,375.00 for the purpose stated, with the project being added to the list of projects in the Post War Construction Program.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. Frederic A. Fletcher, architect, requesting authority to obtain proposals from contractors for the erection of the addition to the building of the Department of Motor Vehicles in accordance with plans and specifications which had been prepared for this work.

In view of the fact that Mr. Fletcher represented to the Board that he felt pretty sure that he would be able to obtain prices within the amount allotted for the cost of the work, the Board approved his request, with the proviso that he should ask for bids in two ways:

- 1- In the regular manner of receiving bids; and
- 2- On the basis of the contractors naming a fixed-fee for doing the work, with a ceiling to be established as the maximum cost and with the understanding that any savings to be effected would inure to the benefit of the State.

The Secretary presented to the Board for execution two deeds concerning the rights-of-way in connection with the site purchased by the State near Salisbury, Maryland, for the new chronic Disease Hospital for the Eastern Shore, these deeds having been approved by the Attorney General as to form and legal sufficiency. These deeds, which are from the State of Maryland and the State Department of Health to Raymond A. Weisner, from whom the property was originally purchased, were executed.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board copies of correspondence between Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, President, Morgan State College, and Mr. Lucien E. D. Gaudreau, architect, relative to the condition of the heating plant of the institution. As Mr. Gaudreau's letter to Dr. Holmes indicated that the situation was receiving all attention possible at this time, the Board felt there was no necessity to take any action in the matter.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. Thomas N. Biddison, Director, Department of Correction, requesting that he be advised as to the architect to be selected to advise him in connection with work to be done to take care of the leaking condition of the walls of the buildings at the Maryland State Reformatory for Women.

The Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Biddison that Mr. T. W. Jamison, Jr., has been approved by the Board as the architect to take care of the work necessary at the institution.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Dr. Silas W. Weltmer, Superintendent, Spring Grove State Hospital, outlining three propositions for providing housing facilities for the medical and nursing staff of the hospital, allocation of funds for which is included in the postwar construction program.

After due consideration, the Board approved the proposal from the County Construction Company offering to the State five (5) of a number of houses which are being constructed by that company on Paradise Avenue, about 2/10 of a mile from the hospital property, at a cost of \$45,860.00. These five houses are part of a row of two-story houses being erected and in his recommendation to the Board that the proposal be accepted, Dr. Weltmer stated that inquiry among his Medical staff showed that these employees were unanimously enthusiastic about the proposed location and the type of house contemplated. The houses are subject to a ground rent of \$90.00 each, annually. It was not possible to purchase the properties in fee. The allocation for Doctors' Cottages is \$54,000, or \$8,140 in excess of the cost of the houses. Dr. Weltmer requested that this difference be allowed him for the cost of the furnishings for the new houses.

The Board approved the request with the understanding that as much of the amount available (\$8,140) be used for these purchases as might be necessary, with the purchases to be made through the Department of Budget & Procurement, in the usual manner.

x Lot # 38 - 96<sup>00</sup>      Lot # 44 - 90<sup>00</sup> } as per contract  
           40 - 90<sup>00</sup>                      46 - 96<sup>00</sup>  
           42 - 90<sup>00</sup>                      -

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Dr. H. C. Byrd, President, University of Maryland, furnishing information which the Board had requested be obtained, namely, that Dr. Byrd advise the Board the source from which he would be able to pay \$23,100 to cover the purchase cost of the Buckley, Patterson, and Claflin properties, which he desired to obtain as additional property for the use of the University of Maryland. A letter from Dr. Byrd showed that the actual income from the Army Specialized Training Program (1943-44 fiscal year) was \$380,035.72, with the estimated income as shown in the working budget of the University for the same fiscal year being \$349,840.00; the difference, or excess, of \$30,195.72 being reserved in Resident Instruction and Business Management Special Funds.

The statement of Dr. Byrd was approved as showing that he has the necessary funds available for the purchase of these properties.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the fact that the University of Maryland is receiving funds from outside sources, particularly the Glenn L. Martin Company, and that these funds are being received and handled by the University of Maryland without any accounting of them being made to the State Treasury.

The Board approved the manner in which these funds are being handled, but approved recommendation of the Secretary that the records of the Board show from time to time the receipt of such funds and the purposes for which received, so that there will be some record in the files of the Board of these transactions.

The Board gave formal approval to the following expenditures which had been made by the State Comptroller since the last meeting of the Board for post war construction. (\$12,931.83)

University of Maryland	\$1,382.50
" " "	15.00
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Morgan State College	87.12
Cheltenham School for Boys	5,715.00
Springfield State Hospital	4,819.91
State Department of Health	252.30
(Western Shore Chronic Disease)	

Upon recommendation of the Maryland Commission on Post War Reconstruction and Development, the Board approved application received from the Mayor & City Council of Ocean City, Maryland for payment of the State grant in the amount of \$1,218.00, final plans, specifications and estimate being 100% complete on Project No. 23-B-1 for Improvements to Water System. The State Comptroller was authorized to make payment of this grant.

The Secretary asked if any action was to be taken at this meeting in connection with the report made by the Board of Natural Resources as to the acquisition by the State of a recreational area for which an allotment of \$250,000 is included in the Postwar Construction Program. The Board discussed this matter briefly and agreed that something should be done about it and felt the Board, or a Committee representing the Board, should give careful study and investigation to the report filed by the Board of Natural Resources.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Dr. Ernest N. Cory, Chairman, Department of Research and Education, transmitting plans and specifications for the installation of a heating plant at the laboratory at Solomons, Maryland. A letter from the architect, Katherine Cutler, submitted prices for the doing of the work. The allocation for this work is \$5,750; the bids received amount to \$5,415; the architect's fee is \$324.90; and, there would remain an unexpended balance of \$10.10.

In view of the request of Dr. Cory that the work is very desirable and that he be authorized to proceed with it, the Board approved his request.

The Secretary reported to the Board that he had attended conferences between the architects, engineers, and the contractors for work at Cheltenham School for Boys, held in the offices of the Attorney General, at which the Attorney General and Mr. J. Edgar Harvey, Assistant Attorney General, were present, in connection with excess charges made by the contractor for this work, the Chas. J. Spielman Co., Inc., and that while an agreement had not been reached it was expected that the position of the State would be decided at an early date and the contractor advised accordingly. A further report will be made to the Board at its next meeting of any developments occurring up to that time.

The Board approved an allotment of \$1,800 from the Post War Fund to the Maryland Training School for Colored Girls upon the recommendation of Mr. Kirkman. It was stated that a new Superintendent has been engaged, to report for duty on February 1, 1946, and it was necessary for furniture to be purchased and certain repairs made so that the Superintendent's home would be in readiness for the new official.

#### BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a file of correspondence relative to the proposal of the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company to lease the ocean bottom between the 1/2 mile and 3 mile lines offshore of Worcester County. While Dr. Joseph T. Singewald, Jr., Director, Department Geology, Mines and Water Resources, advised that his inclination would be to accept the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company's proposal without public notice, the Board decided that other companies should have the opportunity to make proposals for these rights.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Dr. Singewald and request him to advise several oil companies which might possibly be interested and invite proposals from them for the rights covered in the proposal of the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company.

BONUS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a situation involving the payment of additional compensation to State employees as authorized at the 1945 session of the General Assembly, whereby request has been made that employees be excused from refunding or having deducted from subsequent pay checks amounts paid to them in error because of opinion received from the Attorney General after such payments had been made to the effect that a State employee receiving an emergency salary in an amount exceeding the minimum of the scale plus \$180. is not entitled to the additional compensation.

In view of the dissatisfaction which has been caused by the effort which was started to make an adjustment of these overpayments by deductions from subsequent payroll checks, the Board approved the recommendation of the Comptroller that there be no further effort made to recover the erroneous payments.

BUDGET:

The following statement is made a part of the Minutes of this meeting in furtherance of the action of the Board at its meeting of January 10, 1946, in authorizing the impounding of certain parts of appropriations to various State Agencies for the fiscal year 1946 which it has been determined, by review of the budget accounts by the Department of Budget & Procurement, have been unspent and not required for the operations of these agencies for the six months ended December 31, 1945, of the fiscal year 1946.

<u>State Agency</u>	<u>Salaries</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>
Comptroller of the Treasury	\$43,831.00	\$10,000.00	\$53,831.00
Department of Budget & Procurement	8,502.00	2,341.00	10,843.00
Employees' Retirement System	113.00	769.00	882.00
Hall of Records Commission	3,085.00	3,841.00	6,926.00
State Auditor	16,599.00	2,854.00	19,453.00
State Employment Commissioner	463.00		463.00
State Tax Commission	1,808.00	2,613.00	4,421.00
State Treasurer	597.00		597.00
Court of Appeals of Maryland	4,199.00	4,986.00	9,185.00
Administrator of Loan Laws	2,957.00	1,475.00	4,432.00
Department of Labor and Industry	3,740.00	1,346.00	5,086.00
Commissioner of the Land Office	1,630.00	888.00	2,518.00
Commissioners of the State Accident Fund	3,270.00	2,942.00	6,212.00
Division of Parole and Probation	616.00		616.00
Military Department	19,346.00	16,630.00	35,976.00
Public Service Commission	3,396.00	3,510.00	6,906.00
State Bank Commissioner	3,949.00	3,994.00	7,943.00
State Insurance Department	11,186.00	4,223.00	15,409.00
Department of State Forests and Parks	3,120.00	7,217.00	10,337.00
Department of Geology, Mines & Water Resources	1,006.00		1,006.00
Department of Research & Education	2,662.00	3,898.00	6,560.00
State Department of Health	38,880.00	26,982.00	65,862.00
State Department of Health-Bureau of Medical Services	493.00	89,673.00	90,166.00
Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatoria	49,662.00		49,662.00
State Board of Mental Hygiene	891.00	7,833.00	8,724.00
Crownsville State Hospital	43,330.00		43,330.00
Springfield State Hospital	25,940.00		25,940.00
Spring Grove State Hospital	51,298.00		51,298.00
Maryland State School for the Deaf	7,595.00		7,595.00
Public Schools	108,000.00		108,000.00
Totals	\$462,164.00	\$198,015.00	\$660,179.00.

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The Comptroller will proceed to take the necessary steps to give effect to the action of the Board in impounding these amounts.

#### COLLECTORS OF STATE TAXES:

The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated January 30, 1946, from Judge Joseph D. Mish, wherein he recommended that the State abate the claim for taxes due by John G. Bower, Jr., former Collector of State Taxes for Washington County, for the levies 1931 and 1932, Judge Mish advising that in his opinion these taxes are not collectible and that the State should charge them off accordingly instead of looking to Mr. Bower for payment of them, in the amounts of \$163.99 for 1931 and \$292.56 for 1932.

The recommendation of Judge Mish was approved.

The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board a recommendation received from the State Auditor that the Comptroller be authorized to write-off an item of \$2.65 shown to be due by the accounts in the State Comptroller's Office by J. William Keither, former Collector of State Taxes for Queen Anne's County.

The Board approved this recommendation.

The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board a communication from James Park, Collector of the Third District of Allegany County, in which it was requested that the account for real and personal taxes for 1937 be closed. The account shows credits of \$26.44 and debits of \$25.56. The Comptroller recommended the approval of the request of the Collector, and the Board approved the recommendation accordingly.

#### COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY:

Upon the recommendation of the Comptroller the Board approved payment of the following refunds of excise tax paid in error to the State, from Miscellaneous Appropriation #2, Item #17.

Excise Tax :-	\$74.08
Karl George Koch	\$7.71
Emil Leonard Johnson, Jr.	9.83
Housing Authority of Baltimore City	29.89
Globe Solventz Company of Maryland	12.62
Wm. A. Wilkerson	14.03

#### COURT COSTS:

The Board approved payment from Item #207 of the budget of the Board of Public Works of bill of Lafayette P. Temple covering transcript of proceedings in the matter of the Petition and Claim for refund of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, before the State Tax Commission on January 16, 1946. This bill was approved by the State Law Department for payment.

#### DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. Thomas N. Biddison, Chairman, Board of Correction, dated January 8, 1946, in which the Board was asked to approve the sale of a small parcel of land, now property of the Maryland House of Correction, which is necessary for the proposed program of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to improve drainage conditions along the railroad track in that vicinity. Mr. Biddison stated in his letter that the sale of this land for \$450.00 was approved by the Board of Correction at its meeting of January 5th, 1946, subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works.

After a discussion of the matter, the Board approved the sale of this land as recommended.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the fact that the Board at its meeting of October 7, 1941, had accepted the bid of \$3,455.00 submitted by the Simpson Electric Company, of Annapolis, for the furnishing and installing of the necessary equipment for floodlighting the State House Dome, but that due to the war the bidder had been unable to proceed with the work. However, Simpson Electric Company has advised Mr. Kries that it is unable to proceed with the work at this time at the bid price of 1941, due to changes in prices.

After a discussion of the matter, the Board authorized Mr. Kirkman to obtain revised bids for the doing of this work.

The Board approved payment of \$675.00 to cover the cost of four (4) Sheridan Posts with Monolithic bases complete with Lanterns furnished and installed by the Simpson Electrical Company on the parking lot in the rear of the State Office Building and adjoining the State Armory, at Annapolis, from the General Bond Issue of 1941-Improvements to Public Buildings.

The Secretary advised the Board of receipt of an opinion from the Attorney General in reply to the Board's request for such an opinion in connection with the rights of the State in the driveway from Bladen Street to the State Power House, Annapolis. The opinion of the Attorney General, based upon an investigation and report received from the Maryland Title Company, reading in part, follows:

"The result of this investigation shows that the title to the driveway is vested in the State of Maryland, in fee simple, and that Louis N. Phipps and May E. Phipps, his wife, have a right-of-way with use thereof in common in said driveway. This would permit pedestrian and vehicular use of the driveway, but would not permit the Phipps' to obstruct the driveway in any manner or to erect a building or a part of a building over the said driveway."

The Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Phipps of the opinion of the Attorney General in this matter so that he will be aware of the State's position as to the use of this driveway as to his plans he may make for use of the land adjoining the driveway.

The bill of the Maryland Title Company in the amount of \$48.00, received thru the office of the Attorney General, was approved for payment from the budget of the Board of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE FORESTS AND PARKS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the Attorney General giving an opinion in connection with the property owned by the State in Garrett County under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Forests and Parks, where the Burnwell Coal Company owns the mineral rights in such property. The opinion of the Attorney General is to the effect that the Burnwell Coal Company in the title it holds to the property does not have the right to strip mine coal on the property. The State Forester had previously advised the Secretary that he would be unwilling to make an Agreement with the Burnwell Coal Company for strip mining on the property in the event it was found the company did not have the right to strip mine coal.

In view of the circumstances, the Board felt that it was unnecessary for the members to take any action.

EASTERN SHORE STATE HOSPITAL:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board request which had been received from the Eastern Shore State Hospital for authority to use the sum of \$587.53 from the General Bond Issue of 1941 in putting the ice boxes of that institution into first-class condition, this amount being in addition to funds previously authorized for expenditure for this purpose.

The Board approved this request.

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# GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND:

In accordance with action taken by the Board at its previous meeting a survey was made by the Department of Budget and Procurement and the Comptroller's Office of allocations heretofore made by the Board out of the General Emergency Fund to various State Agencies for the purpose of determining how much it would be possible for these agencies to return to the General Emergency Fund so that the balance in this Fund would be increased and the money in the Fund made available for the use of the State Department of Public Welfare, whose budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946 will be deficient to the extent of approximately \$215,000. A statement was submitted to the Board showing possible recoveries of \$68,834.00, which statement was approved by the Board, and the Comptroller and the Department of Budget & Procurement authorized to take whatever steps are necessary to give effect to the recovery of this money. The names of the departments and the amounts to be recovered are as follows:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Funds Allocated</u>	<u>Funds to be Recovered</u>
Department of Budget & Procurement	\$ 1,106.00	\$ 1,106.00
Superintendent of Public Buildings & Grounds	6,315.00	2,628.00
Judiciary	3,150.00	2,018.00
Commissioners of the State Accident Fund	902.00	902.00
Department of Correction	594.00	594.00
Department of Labor & Industry	6,254.00	6,254.00
Public Service Commission	3,702.00	3,702.00
State Bank Commissioner-Industrial Finance Companies	20,075.00	7,500.00
State Industrial Accident Commission	5,047.00	4,487.00
Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources-Bureau of Mines	750.00	750.00
Crownsville State Hospital	10,000.00	10,000.00
Maryland Public Library Advisory Commission	835.00	835.00
Commission on Post War Reconstruction and Development	25,000.00	604.00
Maryland Council of Defense	10,037.00	725.00
Maryland Disaster Relief Committee	3,297.00	300.00
Maryland Racing Commission	5,800.00	1,010.00
Maryland State Board of Motion Picture Censors	500.00	500.00
Maryland State Guard	192,684.50	12,347.00
State Aviation Commission	8,250.00	1,000.00
Maryland War Records Division-World War II (Miscellaneous Appropriation #2)	22,000.00	11,572.00

The Board discussed the matter of the prospective deficiency in the accounts of the State Department of Public Welfare to take care of all of the categories of relief for the current fiscal year. According to representations made by Mr. J. Milton Patterson, Chairman, Department of Public Welfare, it will be necessary to provide approximately \$215,000 additional funds to take care of the requirements for welfare to the end of the current fiscal year.

It was determined by the Board that with the funds to be recovered from the various agencies out of the allotments made from the General Emergency Fund and with approximately \$40,000 to be made available by the Military Department from funds allotted for the Maryland State Guard for the current fiscal year, it would be possible to assure the State Department of Public Welfare that there would be approximately \$200,000 in sight to apply to their needs for the rest of this year.

Also, see end of these Minutes.

## LEASES:

The Secretary submitted to the Board for execution the revised lease for the use of the 104th Medical Regiment Armory by All Sports, Inc., to which lease was attached a Consent by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to the sub-leasing by the State of the premises. Under the terms of the lease the State agrees to turn over to the City the gross rentals received, less the amount authorized to be retained by the Military Department to take care of the expenses of light, heat, water, janitor service, etc. The lease was approved by the State Law Department as to form and legal sufficiency.

The Board approved the revised lease and affixed their signatures thereto.



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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board lease which had been received covering space to be occupied by the Unemployment Compensation Board in the property known as 37 Hopkins Place, Baltimore, owned by Herman P. Schulman and Hyman Berger.

The Board approved execution of this lease for a term of five (5) years from March 1, 1946, at an annual rental of \$10,800 for the basement, first, second, and third floors of the property known as 37 Hopkins Place, Baltimore, Maryland.

#### MARYLAND COUNCIL OF DEFENSE:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter received from the Surplus War Property Department advising of receipt by that agency of bill of the Maryland Penitentiary to the Maryland Council of Defense in the amount of \$126.75, covering envelopes and letterheads ordered in December 1943. It was stated that this was the first bill received for these supplies and they had not been paid for, and that at this time there were no funds available for such payment.

The Board authorized the Maryland Penitentiary to write-off this account, and close the matter.

#### MARYLAND PENITENTIARY:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter received from Mr. Thomas N. Biddison, Director of the Department of Correction, in which authority was requested for the employment of Mr. James Posey in connection with the problem of control of smoke emission from the Maryland Penitentiary which has been criticized by the Division of Smoke Control of the Department of Public Works of Baltimore City, as well as the problem of repairs to the present heating plant of the institution.

The Board authorized the employment of Mr. Posey as requested, with a report of the exact situation to be submitted to the Board at a later date.

#### MILITARY DEPARTMENT:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a requisition which had been received by the State Comptroller from the Military Department with bills totaling \$261.50 which the department is charging to the money to the credit of the Fire Loss Account at the 5th Regiment Armory. The bills in question seem to cover work which has no relation to the fire which occurred at the Armory a year or so ago.

The Board ruled that there should not be charged to any money received in settlement of fire losses any expenditures other than those made in connection with restoration of such fire losses, and that ordinary expenditures for maintenance at the Armory should be charged to an appropriate budget item.

#### THE MINERS HOSPITAL:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication received from the Miners Hospital advising of check in the amount of \$219.00 from Mr. David J. Lewis, representing unclaimed funds in his hand as Surviving Trustee of the estate of one Shearer. The proceeds from the sale of the estate were deposited in the Fidelity Savings Bank, at Frostburg, and it being impossible at this time to locate anyone to whom the money might be paid, Mr. Lewis issued a check to the hospital, stating he considers that "to be the worthiest and most needy use to which the money could be put and the sympathetic memory" of his experience as a former Georges Creek Coal Miner.

The Board approved acceptance of the money by the Hospital, and the crediting of it to budget Item #503-Medical and Laboratory Equipment of the institution.

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#### MORGAN STATE COLLEGE:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication received from Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, President, Morgan State College, dated January 21, 1946, relative to scholarships for the school year 1946-47.

The Board approved a continuance of the arrangement for scholarships for the year 1946-47 along the same lines followed for the year 1945-46.

#### OYSTERS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication dated January 9, 1946, from Mr. J. Richard Wilkins relative to the appropriation of \$10,000 to be used in settlement of claims of certain persons, covering judgments held by them in Oyster Cases in Somerset County. Mr. Wilkins, in his letter to the Board, requested that the Board allot the sum of \$10,000 to the respective judgments proportionately and that payment of said sum be made forthwith, as a partial payment on account of said judgments. Mr. Wilkins represents the case of Harry T. Ambrose.

After due consideration the Board was not agreeable to Mr. Wilkins' proposal and stated that any settlement would have to be along the lines previously approved by the Board; namely, that it would be necessary in the disbursement of the appropriation for the State to receive a release in full of all claims in these cases.

#### SPRING GROVE STATE HOSPITAL:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the question of certain non-professional employees in State institutions for whom living accommodations are not provided being compensated for certain living expenses incurred in their respective homes, and brought to the attention of the Board a Resolution passed by the Board of Managers of Spring Grove State Hospital calling for the payment, in addition to salaries, of certain living expenses, including food supplies for self, wife, and minor children, and also all expendable household supplies, fuel for heating and cooking, electric light and telephone service, but not rent, taxes insurance or upkeep of privately owned property in which the employees may live.

It was the feeling of the members of the Board that while certain non-professional employees in some of the institutions are provided with living quarters at the institutions, in cases where these accommodations were not provided at some of the institutions, the employees living outside the institutions should not be entitled to the living expenses listed in the Resolution passed by the Board of Managers of Spring Grove State Hospital. The same thing would apply in the case of other non-professional employees of institutions other than Spring Grove State Hospital.

The Board approved request of Spring Grove State Hospital for permission to rent pasturage for dry cows and heifers during the 1946 summer at \$1.50 per head per month, at a total cost of \$300.00 for twenty-five or thirty cattle, during the period May 15th to November 15th, 1946.

The Board approved request of Spring Grove State Hospital for authority to rent 53 acres located at Maiden Choice Land and Shellbourne Road, owned by the First Construction Company, for the sum of \$400.00 for the year ending December 31, 1946; and of 6 acres located on Paradise Avenue from Mrs. Eva Butcher, at an annual rental of \$48.00.

The Secretary advised the Board that no advice had been received from the Attorney General relative to the matter of sewerage tax bills received by Spring Grove State Hospital from Baltimore County, since the last meeting of the Board on January 10, 1946.

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STATE EMPLOYEES:

The Board approved payment of compensation in the following cases where it has been impossible for the department head to grant vacation leave due to the shortage of help and increased work: -

Spring Grove State Hospital to Regina Olmer, Stenographer-Secretary, for a half month's salary, \$75.62, in lieu of vacation in 1944; Department of Health to John Benson for 24 days; Henry Justus for 21½ days; Lester D. Shay for 15 days; and Ernest Threat for 24 days.

STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board copy of letter which had been forwarded to the Governor by the State Insurance Department in which request was made for authority to set up a Rating Bureau in that department and the employment of a Head for the Rating Bureau at \$6,000 per year and a stenographer-secretary, and a statistician for that bureau. It was also requested that approval be given to the employment of one additional Junior Insurance Examiner.

No action was taken on this request.

STATE PROPERTY:

The Board referred to Mr. Kirkman for investigation request of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries for authority to sell for \$135.00 equipment no longer needed by that department.

STATE ROADS COMMISSION:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication received from Mr. Wm. A. Codd, Chief Auditor, State Roads Commission, inclosing statement showing Accounts Receivable of the Commission as of January 31, 1946, in the amount of \$19,553.03. It was stated that these accounts have been submitted to Mr. K. Thomas Everngam, Special Assistant Attorney General, for his review and recommendation.

The Board ordered the statement held pending further information from the State Roads Commission and Mr. Everngam.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the matter of additional personnel for the State Roads Commission. This matter was discussed fully and it was agreed that while the Governor had authorized additional personnel to the extent of 204 employes, this number of new employes would not be employed all at one time but as they were needed; and, it was agreed that at the end of each month the State Roads Commission would submit to the Governor an amendment covering the employment of additional persons during the month, which the Governor would approve, with the State Comptroller having taken care of the salaries for the additional employes in the meantime.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BOARD:

The Board approved request of the Unemployment Compensation Board for authority to dispose of certain old records of that department which are of no value to the Hall of Records, covering the year 1940. Attached to the request was copy of letter from Dr. Radoff to the Unemployment Compensation Board, dated January 9, 1946, refusing these records.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a number of bills covering labor and materials for work at the University of Maryland where the University has not obtained the approval of the Department of Budget and Procurement for

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doing the work represented by the bills.

The Secretary was requested to take the matter up with Mr. Kirkman, who would see that regulations in connection with such work are followed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Joseph O. McCluskey  
Secretary.

The Minutes of the meeting of January 10, 1946, copy of which was sent to each member of the Board, were approved.

Joseph O. McCluskey  
Secretary

GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND:

The Board approved the transfer of \$1,903.00 from the General Emergency Fund to the Maryland Racing Commission to cover payment of bills for contractual services incurred in connection with race track investigations.

*Done*